

4 December 2020

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Prayer requests:

1. On the 7th and 8th, we are expecting from 40 – 50 Sunday School teachers at Navillus for a seminar concerning the new Sunday School Curriculum we hope to use for the next two years. Our target is teachers from 40 different churches.
2. on the 9th and 10th, same venue at the Navillus Church of Christ we will have the third session of Grace Bible College. We are expecting about 4 new students to be added to the class of 40.
3. Pray for Kirsten and Ruth as they have Final Exams from the 7th until 11th. This will be our first Christmas of not being together. Now we are planning to come to the USA in July next year.
4. Grace and I will travel to Nairobi on the 21st and spend the holidays with family there. We hear that visitations will be curtailed as the Covid 19 virus is spreading. So, it will be a good time of rest and visiting immediate family members only.

Every year about this time we ask for a special situation that could be blessed. If the Lord puts to give something on your heart, thanks. If not, that also is okay, just pray for the Muhoro family.

Many years ago, in the early 90's Joseph Muhoro came to leave his worldly ways and join the church at Musunji Church of Christ in Kaimosi. Then in the year 2000, we had bought some land at Navillus. This was Lonrho land and was a huge farm where they grew mostly wattle trees. The idea was to be among the first to start a church as people purchased this land and moved there. In total, two churches were started (Navillus and Sergoit).

In 2000, Joseph and Phylis and baby Allan moved to Navillus. Their family has since increased to Allan who is in college, Choky grade 12, Danfama in grade 10 and Purity in grade 8. They are also keeping three other orphans at their home (two boys and 1 girl).

The original mud house now needs to be replaced as the wood posts have rotted. And the metal roofing has several places that it leaks. They are hoping to expand the house for needs they presently have and they need a bigger living room for hosting groups and the family.

Joseph and his family are special and vital to the ministry that Grace and I do here. Let me just name a few of the things that we do together.

- Administer the three orphan/widow feeding programs that we have. We are feeding 133 orphans and have 6 widows who help to cook.
- Work together with the Rock Center, Navillus and Sergoit Churches of Christ.
- Partner together with WBS (World Bible School) program.
- Work together for all the new programs at the Navillus Church of Christ building.
- And many other misc. ministries.

If you feel the Lord is leading you to give something to this family and teammate, please send it to:
The South 11th and Willis Church of Christ, 3309 South 11th Street, Abilene, TX 79605

Note for Gafner account and mark for Muhoro Family.



Pray for Ken and Samuel

Yesterday, I had a very busy day planned for myself, as I had a lot of preparations to do for today (Saturday) Senior Youth Program at Navillus and the two meetings you are praying about next week. But the Lord had other plans for the day. In the morning, Ken (who is in his early 50's) called and said that he needs to talk to me. I have known Ken now for about 1 ½ years. So, we met in town between the things that I needed to get done. He said as he was jogging, he was also crying. He needed someone to talk too. So, we talked about his situation and we concluded with three choices that he can decide on pursuing. This situation is not only affecting him, but the relationship that he is having with his wife. Now it is for him to decide what needs to be done.

I took public transport to and from town. As I was walking up our road, I met our neighbor Samuel staring out over the airstrip field. So, I stopped to greet him and talk a bit. Well, we stood and talked, we sat on the grass and talked and then we came home and talked. Grace and I ministered to him for close to four hours. Samuel is about 30 years old, a wife and two children. He has been going to the church that his grandparents and parents have attended. But now he is not wanting 'religion' but Jesus! He has a father, whom he has not spoken to in a year and who never spiritually mentored him. He knows he needs to mentor his two children, but he himself first needs to grow in his relationship with Christ and the Father. When I asked him if there is someone, he knows who could mentor him, he drew a complete blank!

I have a feeling that we will be sharing many more hours together. Pray for wisdom and we continue to in our conversations.

May the Lord give you all a very Blessed and Happy and Safe Holiday Season! May it be one filled with Jesus!

In Service to Christ,

Keith and Grace Gafner